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Named Assistant Head Mount Hermon School

The appointment of Arthur Dwight Platt as assistant headmaster of Mount Hermon School has recently been announced by Headmaster Howard L. Rubendall.

Mr. Platt has been a master since 1928, director of studies since 1942, and acting head of the mathematics department since 1943. An alumnus, graduating in 1924, he also graduated from Trinity College in 1928 and received the master of arts degree from Columbia in 1936.



His father, Dr. Benjamin M. Platt, was one of the first Mount Hermon students, coming here from Manchester, England, in 1882, when the school was one year old. In 1900 Dr. Platt married Miss Elizabeth Boardman of Sheffield, a graduate of Mt. Hermon's associated school, Northfield Seminary. She accompanied him to the Philippine Islands where they served for many years as medical missionaries. One daughter and three sons, including the new assistant headmaster, returned to the United States to attend Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Platt have two children, Elizabeth Ann and Marjorie.

Town's New Nurse

Miss Natalie Gowen is the newly appointed public health nurse here and is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott of Main Street and where she can be reached by phone 678. As school nurse she will be at Center School during the morning and will also maintain the nurse's room at the Town Hall. She began her duties here on February 1. She is a native of Alstead, N. H., and is a graduate of the Children's Hospital in Boston in which she has served. She will be given a cordial welcome as she begins her activities with us.

Public Piano Recital Russell Sage Chapel

A piano recital will be held in Russell Sage Chapel on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls on Sunday afternoon, February 18, at 4:30. The artist will be Miss Jean Geis, a 19-year-old pianist who has already made a name for herself in the musical world, and who is being proclaimed as one of the outstanding young musicians of the day.



Miss Geis has had wide experience in radio and concert work, having appeared on all the larger networks and in a large number of cities in the Middle West. She has played with important symphony orchestras, including those at Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield (Ohio), Canton, and with the New York Little Symphony. She is now enrolled at the Cincinnati College of Music, from which she expects to receive her Bachelor of Music degree next June.

The public is welcome at this recital.

Town Topics

Fifteen towns in Franklin County held their annual meetings on Monday, February 5, and only two made a reduction in their appropriations, Whately and Sunderland. Total appropriations of the fifteen towns amounted to \$37,603.

Fred B. Dole of Greenfield will head the Franklin County Red Cross campaign next month in its drive for funds. Dr. Franklin L. Boyden, chairman of the county chapter, made the announcement recently.

The town report as published this year was a most attractive publication, well arranged and compiled and carried a picture of the Northfield Honor Roll as its frontispiece.

Much care is being taken to conserve the supply of coal for the Northfield schools. There is an inadequate amount on hand but the situation is not acute.

Girls Enjoy Carnival Given by Students

Last week's storm left in its wake a perfect setting for the annual Winter Carnival which was held at the Northfield School for Girls Friday, February 9. The scheduled program was staged in its entirety, despite deep snow and a manpower shortage which made it impossible to use the school's snowplows to clear Perry Pond. The girls volunteered to do the job themselves and had the rink cleared in time for the first event, which began at 11 o'clock.

The events of the day consisted of the ski, snowshoe, and skating races, figure skating and snow sculpture competitions, but the climax was the royal procession and seating of the Carnival Court. This bejeweled and lavishly dressed group took their places on and around the ice throne and presided over the subsequent events. The Queen was Joy Merritt of Great Barrington, Murlen Sayles of Litchfield, Conn., was the King, and members of the royal court were Ellen Doe of Harvard, Jane Hoisington of Scarsdale, N. Y., Barbara Miller of West Englewood, N. J., and Martha Avison of Greenfield.

The snowshoe cross-country race

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Rev. Walter Couch, pastor of the Ashfield Congregational church, who had been considered to minister here, has resigned his charge to accept a call to the Union Church of Bay Ridge, N. Y., as associate minister.

The South Vernon Church held a D. L. Moody commemorative service Sunday evening, February 4. Moody and Sankey hymns were used in the musical portion of the service and the pastor preached one of Mr. Moody's sermons. Pictures were shown depicting Mr. Moody's life. It was an interesting service.

was won by Frances Perry of Brattleboro, with Jane Abell of Durham, N. H., and Mary Covey of Big Moose, N. Y., in second and third place. In cross-country skiing Barbara Baldwin of Saranac Lake, N. Y., came in first, with Virginia Steadler of Dalton, and Frances Stearns of North Conway, N. H., close behind. The open ski race was won by Gabriele Wuderlich of North Bennington, Vt., and Elinor Doust of Syracuse, N. Y., placed second. Top honors for the best snow sculpture went to East Marquand Hall.

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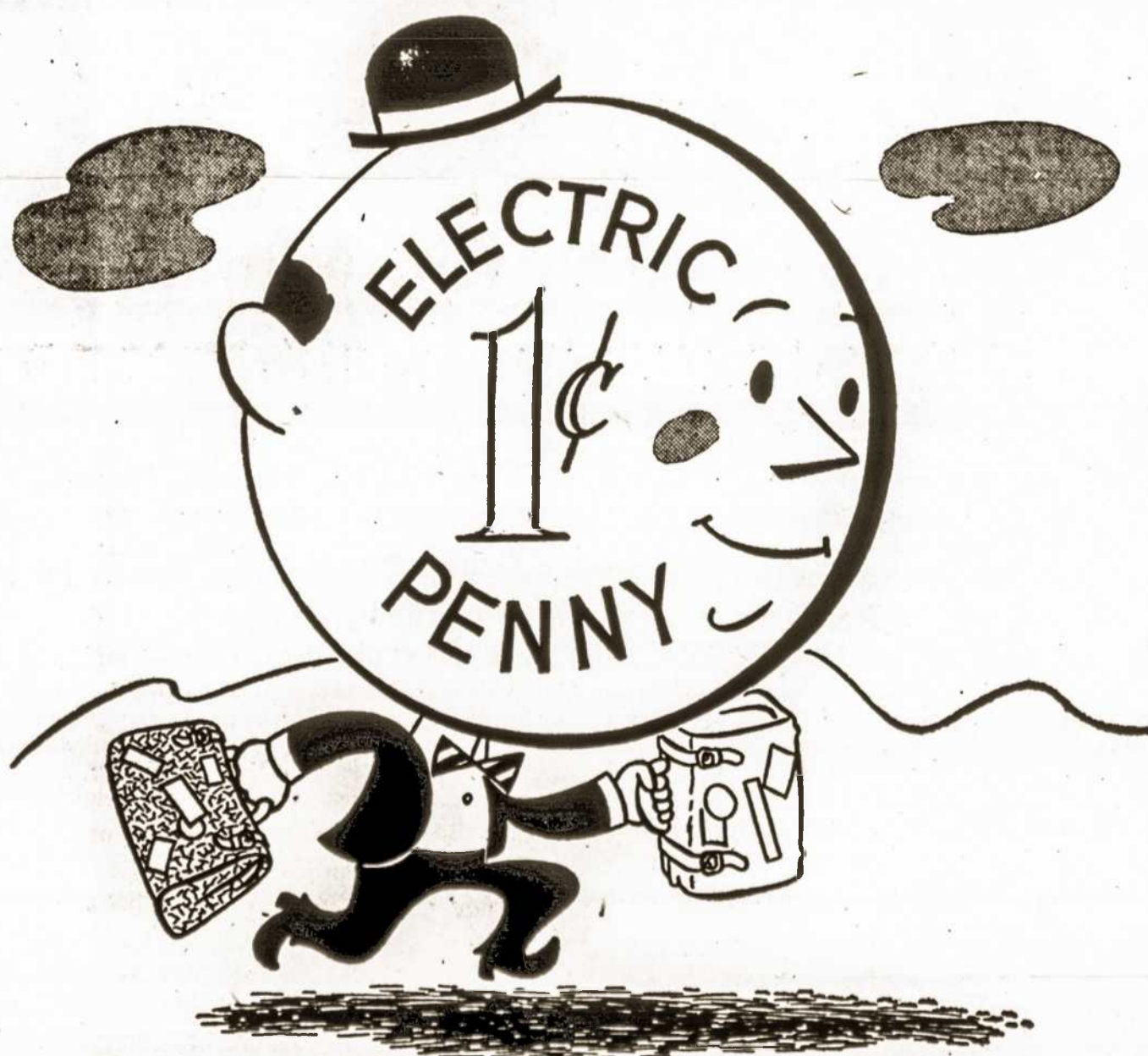
Cecil Wilson of South Vernon recently suffered an injury to his hand while at work at the sawmill. Since he has been unable to work while the wound is healing.

Harold Laplante, postmaster at South Vernon, has suffered an illness which came upon him suddenly recently and he is now at the Veterans Hospital in Newington, Conn., for treatment.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Saczawa of Lake Pleasant at the Farren Hospital on Saturday, February 3. Mr. Saczawa is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Saczawa of Meadow Street, this town.

The town of Northfield must pay the sum of \$164.91 toward the maintenance of the Hampshire tuberculosis sanatorium to make good the deficit in its cost. It serves the citizens of Franklin County.

Wanamaker Lake has been the scene of much activity during the recent extreme cold weather when first quality ice, averaging 18 to 22 inches, was harvested for the Northfield schools, the hotel and warehouse. Mount Hermon harvested from Shadow Lake.



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Tuesday Feb. 20
BROTHER RAT
Ronald Reagan Jane Wyman
Wed.-Thurs. Feb. 21-22
Something To Sing About

Former Resident Dies

Dr. Lucius Julius Mason died after a lingering illness in a hospital at his home in St. Petersburg, Fla., Friday, February 9, at the age of 73 years. He was born in North Granville, N. Y., but spent most of his youth at Brattleboro. With his wife, they maintained a summer residence here in Mountain Park and at one time lived in the home which they sold to Dr. Allen Wright on Main Street. He was at his summer home here last season. After 40 years in health work with the schools of New York City, he was retired in 1941.

Dr. Mason was a graduate of Dartmouth College, of the YMCA college in Springfield, and of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. He was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. For several years he was identified with the work of the YMCA. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg and had officiated in various capacities with churches where previously he had lived. Surviving are his wife, the former Lillian Barnett Thatcher of Milwaukee, Wis.; a son, Dr. Lester Barnett Mason of the New York State Teachers College at Buffalo; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Mason Eckley of New York, who is with her husband, Capt. Donald W. Eckley of the USA Medical Corps at Lake Placid. There are two grandsons, Robert and Donald of Buffalo. Funeral arrangements and burial are in charge of Baynard, funeral director, at St. Petersburg.

Town Topics

The oratorical contest of the American Legion which was to have been held Friday evening, February 9, at Alexander Hall in which some six high school students were to participate was postponed to another date.

The ice carnival announced for the skating rink on Saturday, February 10, had to be postponed owing to weather conditions. Another day will be named.

In the final accounting of returns in the sale of the Christmas Seal in Northfield, Mrs. George H. Pfefferle, local chairman, states that the sum of \$332.60 was realized. This is an all-time high, it is believed. Any unsold stamps should be returned to her at once.

If the weather permits many summer cottages will be opened earlier than usual this year, according to the intentions of the owners already received. For health reasons many need the quiet and restfulness of the hill sides.

A new timetable of the Boston and Maine railroad took effect on Sunday, the 11th, and the printed pamphlet is in new form and design especially the covers.

The terrific storm of Thursday, the 8th, which followed the very cold spell of weather brought in its winds some eight inches of snow, which added to the already accumulated pile. Traffic was almost impossible and most folks remained in the comfort of their own homes, except for the shoveling of the white blanket or the chopping of ice to lessen the leaks of roofs.

The Misses Amy and Maud Hamilton entertained the members of the Evening Auxiliary of the Congregational Church at their home on Friday evening, the 8th.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield schools, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Men's Club of the First Church of Keene Thursday evening, the 8th.

Rev. B. R. Andrews of the Northfield Schools will preach at Sage Chapel at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, the 18th, and at Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel at 10.30. Rev. Orvil E. Mirtz will conduct the service.

Dr. W. G. Webber of Amherst, formerly of this town, has filed nomination papers for health commissioner of that town in the coming election.

Gordon F. Pyper, director of admissions at Mount Hermon, was guest speaker at the Brotherhood of the Springfield First Church on the evening of the 9th.

Rev. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mount Hermon, will speak at evening vespers at Deerfield Academy Sunday evening, the 18th.

The wedding of Col. Robert R. McCormick and Mrs. Maryland Hooper of Chicago has been publicized and especially so in Life magazine of January 8th. Local interest centers in the article and pictures, because Rev. Robert Stewart, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, Ill., officiated. Mr. Stewart is a part of Northfield life and has spent much of his earlier years here and now frequently visits local friends.

The WCTU will gather at the home of Mrs. Lawrence H. Lazelle on Glenwood Avenue for a regular session on Wednesday afternoon, February 21, at 3 o'clock.

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